

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 44 is amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Office Action indicates that claims 1-43 are allowed.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §101

The Office Action rejects claim 44 under 35 U.S.C. §101, as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that claim 44 is a computer program dependent on a device claim, and thus cannot produce tangible results. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

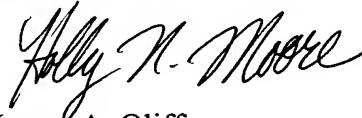
Claims 44 is rewritten in independent form to recite a computer program for realizing an automatic compliance device and stored in a computer readable medium, the program including instructions for determining initial values, determining compliance target values, and determining adjustment sequences and adjustment directions. Because the computer program of claim 44 will produce tangible results, claim 44 is directed to statutory subject matter. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claim 44, in addition to allowed claims 1-43, are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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